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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate continued its gradual declining trend in September according to preliminary estimates. The State's jobless rate stood at 6.7 percent, down from 6.9 percent in August. The number of unemployed in the state has fallen by 2,800 since last September when the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent. The national unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this September was 7.3 percent, up from 7.2 percent in August and 7.1 percent in September 1980.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the state recorded a 2,400 gain during the month, and seasonal changes had a major impact on the monthly estimates by industry. Expected employment increases occurred among non-contract educational workers in state and local government and among bus drivers in the transportation sector due to the new school year. Job reductions were recorded at lodging places, race tracks, youth camps and in federal government as summer activities tapered off.

Several non-seasonal developments occurred in September which should be noted. A major labor dispute in Roswell caused the 600 job decline in transportation equipment manufacturing. Additional layoffs in uranium mining resulted in a loss of 200 in metal mining. A major shopping center opened during the month in Gallup, giving the trade industry a boost.

Over the year, the mining industry continued to record the largest percentage employment gain, followed closely by the trade industry. On the minus side was manufacturing with reductions widespread among most sectors. For the first time in almost two years the construction industry is reporting a 12 month employment change on the plus side. However, this is not an indication of any significant improvement in the industry, but rather that most of its severe employment contraction occurred in the first nine months of 1980 and building firms have maintained low employment levels since then.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sep 1981	Aug 1981	Sep 1980	Aug 1981	Sep 1980
Civilian Labor Force	565,100	561,800	546,500	+3,300	+18,600
Employment	527,300	523,000	505,900	+4,300	+21,400
Unemployment	37,800	38,800	40,600	-1,000	- 2,800
Rate (Actual)	6.7	6.9	7.4		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1981	Revised AUG 1981	Revised SEP 1980	SEP Change From AUG 1981	SEP Change From SEP 1980
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	471,400	469,000	464,000	+2,400	+7,400
MINING	30,800	31,400	29,500	- 600	+1,300
Metal Mining	9,100	9,300	10,300	- 200	-1,200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,300	5,400	5,400	- 100	- 100
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,400	16,700	13,800	- 300	+2,600
CONSTRUCTION	30,700	31,000	30,000	- 300	+ 700
MANUFACTURING	32,300	32,800	34,500	- 500	-2,200
Durable Goods	19,100	19,800	20,100	- 700	-1,000
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Transportation Equipment	3,100	3,700	3,800	- 600	- 700
Other Durable Goods	10,100	10,200	10,400	- 100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	13,200	13,000	14,400	+ 200	-1,200
Food and Kindred Products	4,400	4,200	4,900	+ 200	- 500
Textiles and Apparel	3,500	3,500	3,900	0	- 400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,600	0	- 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,500	28,500	28,800	+1,000	+ 700
Railroad Transportation	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,600	5,500	5,400	+ 100	+ 200
Other Transportation	3,700	2,900	3,700	+ 800	0
Communication	7,700	7,500	7,500	+ 200	+ 200
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,100	- 100	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	108,500	107,400	104,500	+1,100	+4,000
Wholesale Trade	21,800	21,800	21,300	0	+ 500
Durable Goods	13,000	13,000	12,900	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	8,800	8,800	8,400	0	+ 400
Retail Trade	86,700	85,600	83,200	+1,100	+3,500
General Merchandise Stores	11,300	11,000	10,600	+ 300	+ 700
Food Stores	12,600	12,300	11,700	+ 300	+ 900
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,600	11,800	12,500	- 200	- 900
Eating and Drinking Places	29,500	29,100	27,900	+ 400	+1,600
Other Retail Trade	21,700	21,400	20,500	+ 300	+1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,300	21,500	21,000	- 200	+ 300
Banking	7,500	7,500	7,100	0	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,300	8,500	8,500	- 200	- 200
SERVICES	92,800	95,200	91,400	-2,400	+1,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,100	10,500	10,100	- 400	0
Personal Services	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	+ 100
Business Services	19,300	19,200	18,800	+ 100	+ 500
Health Services	22,700	22,700	21,000	0	+1,700
Social Services	8,600	9,200	10,300	- 600	-1,700
Membership Organizations	5,000	6,000	5,400	-1,000	- 400
Other Services	22,600	23,100	21,400	- 500	+1,200
GOVERNMENT	125,500	121,200	124,300	+4,300	+1,200
Federal	30,300	30,900	29,200	- 600	+1,100
State 2/	44,600	41,200	44,500	+3,400	+ 100
Local	50,600	49,100	50,600	+1,500	0

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Total unemployment in Albuquerque remained relatively unchanged between August and September according to preliminary estimates. The area's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent, 4 tenths of a percentage point above the statewide rate but still slightly below the jobless rate for the nation. Discounting normal seasonal movement, total unemployment exhibited very little change this summer. The large majority of the 1,900 over-the-year loss shown by the current unemployment estimates occurred in late 1980 and the first five months of this year.

On the employment side, total nonfarm jobs climbed seasonally in September to 190,700, 1,900 jobs above the August estimate. Education-related job gains in state government accounted for much of the increase. The only other industry with a substantial gain over the month was trade, mostly in eating and drinking places and the miscellaneous sector. Construction followed its normal seasonal pattern with a 200 loss during the month.

All major industries except manufacturing recorded employment growth over the last year. The services industry continued to lead all industries with a gain of 2,300 jobs or 5.2 percent. Individual sectors which exhibited the majority of the yearly service gain were health, education, auto repair and personal services. The manufacturing industry registered 800 fewer jobs this September over last, and the decrease was spread over virtually all sectors. The sectors with the largest declines were non-electrical machinery, transportation equipment and apparel manufacturing.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Sep 1981	Revised Aug 1981	Revised Sep 1980	Change From Aug 1981	Change From Sep 1980
Civilian Labor Force	210,300	208,800	202,500	+1,500	+7,800
Employment	195,400	193,800	185,700	+1,600	+9,700
Unemployment	14,900	15,000	16,800	- 100	-1,900
Rate (Actual)	7.1	7.2	8.3		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1981	Revised AUG 1981	Revised SEP 1980	SEP Change From AUG 1981	SEP Change From SEP 1980
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	190,700	188,800	186,300	+1,900	+4,400
CONSTRUCTION	12,100	12,300	12,100	- 200	0
MANUFACTURING	17,100	17,200	17,900	- 100	- 800
Durable Goods	11,400	11,500	12,100	- 100	- 700
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	11,800	11,900	+ 200	+ 100
Transportation	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Communication	4,100	4,000	4,200	+ 100	- 100
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,300	2,200	+ 100	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,300	47,700	47,100	+ 600	+1,200
Wholesale Trade	13,000	12,900	12,700	+ 100	+ 300
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,300	4,200	4,100	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,300	34,800	34,400	+ 500	+ 900
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	4,300	4,200	+ 100	+ 200
Food Stores	4,300	4,300	3,900	0	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,200	4,500	- 100	- 400
Eating and Drinking Places	12,700	12,400	12,200	+ 300	+ 500
Other Retail Trade	9,800	9,600	9,600	+ 200	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,200	10,900	- 200	+ 100
Banking	2,900	3,000	2,800	- 100	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,600	4,700	4,800	- 100	- 200
SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS	46,200	46,000	43,900	+ 200	+2,300
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,900	3,000	2,800	- 100	+ 100
Health Services	10,800	10,800	9,900	0	+ 900
Social Services	2,800	2,700	2,700	+ 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,800	1,500	- 200	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	28,100	27,700	27,000	+ 400	+1,100
GOVERNMENT	44,000	42,600	42,500	+1,400	+1,500
Federal	13,100	13,300	12,100	- 200	+1,000
State	13,300	11,300	12,400	+2,000	+ 900
Local	17,600	18,000	18,000	- 400	- 400

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1981	Revised AUG 1981	Revised SEP 1980	SEP Change From AUG 1981	SEP Change From SEP 1980
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	29,500	28,450	29,600	+1,050	-100
CONSTRUCTION	1,750	1,825	1,900	- 75	-150
MANUFACTURING	2,850	2,675	2,825	+ 175	+ 25
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,100	1,125	+ 100	+ 75
Transportation	525	425	500	+ 100	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	675	675	625	0	+ 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,500	5,475	5,450	+ 25	+ 50
Wholesale Trade	825	850	825	- 25	0
Retail Trade	4,675	4,625	4,625	+ 50	+ 50
General Merchandise Stores	750	750	575	0	+175
Food Stores	625	600	600	+ 25	+ 25
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	775	775	775	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	1,525	1,525	1,650	0	-125
Other Retail Trade	1,000	975	1,025	+ 25	- 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,250	1,200	- 25	+ 25
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	3,925	3,950	3,900	- 25	+ 25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	650	0	0
Business Services	725	750	700	- 25	+ 25
Health Services	675	675	625	0	+ 50
Social Services	400	450	500	- 50	-100
Other Services	1,475	1,425	1,425	+ 50	+ 50
GOVERNMENT	13,050	12,175	13,200	+ 875	-150
Federal	4,175	4,225	4,300	- 50	-125
State	4,900	4,200	4,975	+ 700	- 75
Local	3,975	3,750	3,925	+ 225	+ 50

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

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HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 1981	AUG 1981	SEP 1980	SEP 1981	AUG 1981	SEP 1980	SEP 1981	AUG 1981	SEP 1980
MINING	$420.02	$415.75	$404.80	40.7	40.8	44.0	$10.32	$10.19	$9.20
CONSTRUCTION	356.88	371.35	353.42	35.3	36.3	36.7	10.11	10.23	9.63
MANUFACTURING	259.82	251.36	226.29	37.6	38.2	39.7	6.91	6.58	5.70
Durable Goods	287.39	274.38	258.30	39.1	38.7	41.0	7.35	7.09	6.30
Nondurable Goods	212.45	209.25	172.79	35.0	37.3	37.4	6.07	5.61	4.62
COMM and UTIL	362.34	368.46	321.79	41.6	42.4	41.9	8.71	8.69	7.68
TRADE *	240.17	237.18	234.12	35.9	36.1	35.1	6.69	6.57	6.67
BANKING	174.26	178.64	163.02	37.8	38.5	38.0	4.61	4.64	4.29

ALBUQUERQUE AREA

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 1981	AUG 1981	SEP 1980	SEP 1981	AUG 1981	SEP 1980	SEP 1981	AUG 1981	SEP 1980
Manufacturing	$268.32	$258.25	$249.23	39.0	37.7	41.4	$6.88	$6.85	$6.02

* *Excludes eating and drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - The Albuquerque City Council approved the issuance of up to $45 million in revenue bonds to finance St. Joseph's proposed 128 bed hospital in Paradise Hills. Total attendance at the 1981 State Fair held in Albuquerque between September 16 and 27 was below the 1980 level. The 1981 gate was 1,081,046 visitors, down 64,478 from 1980. State correction officials are now looking at a 540 acre site west of Bernalillo as the location of two large correctional facilities. The prisons were among four major correctional construction projects approved by the 1981 Legislature. Work is scheduled to begin next spring on the first of two office building projects proposed for John Street, between Gold and Central downtown. The firm of Hutchinson, Brown and Partners plan to renovate the Graham Paper Building into a $600,000 office building. Expansion and renovation projects are planned for four Bernalillo County buildings. The University of New Mexico Hospital is scheduled for a $7.3 million expansion, a three story addition to the jail annex is planned, the county courthouse will be remodeled at a cost of $2.1 million and the Bernalillo County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center will be expanded at a cost of $1.8 million. GTE Lenkurt recently laid off 54 workers, reducing their total work force to less than 1,400. The Federal Department of Transportation approved a $2 million grant for the proposed city West Mesa airport, clearing the way for initial construction work to begin possibly next spring. The entire airport project is expected to cost in excess of $7 million. City voters approved $9 million in general obligation bonds that, when combined with $12 million in city revenue bonds, will pay for a major addition to the existing City Hall downtown.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - Airways of New Mexico is now offering two daily flights from Alamogordo to Albuquerque, taking over the discontinued service previously offered by Air Midwest. Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range area are gearing up for the landing of the Space Shuttle II flight at Northrup Air Strip in the event an emergency landing is required. Northrup Strip was also the alternative landing area for the first Space Shuttle flight. Sherwood Incorporated began production of wire harness assemblies in Alamogordo with a initial work force of 30. The firm plans to have approximately 60 persons working by the end of this year.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Artesia's Industrial Park currently has 14 firms leasing space in the facility employing a total of approximately 500 persons. Work is now underway to provide 17 additional spaces at the industrial park for prospective employers. Commerce Bank and Trust Company is expanding its Carlsbad branch with a $250,000 building project. AMAX Chemical Corporation temporarily closed its potash mine in late September because of fire damage at the facility. Approximately 300 workers were affected by the shutdown. Salazar Brothers Drilling Company was awarded a $778,000 contract to drill two test holes at the Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) east of Carlsbad.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Southwest Canners Incorporated is planning a $3 million expansion project at the Portales soft drink cannery. The firm will build a trucking facility for product transportation which will mean several additional jobs at the cannery. The Rural Electrification Administration approved a $4.3 million loan to the Farmers Electric Cooperative in Clovis to finance 70 miles of transmission line and system improvements. The peanut harvest is underway in the Portales area with the quality of the crop termed "excellent". Approximately 8,866 acres were planted in peanuts this year, slightly higher than the 8,345 acres in 1980. Santa Fe Railroad is planning several major railroad improvement projects in the Clovis area over the next five years. The railroad plans include renovation of office facilities and replacement of track. Hunt Building Corporation of El Paso will build a $2.25 million low rent housing project in Clovis, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ESPANOLA AREA - Cillison and Son Construction Company of Albuquerque has almost completed a $1.5 million solar heated classroom facility at Northern New Mexico Community College near Espanola.

FARMINGTON AREA - The Bureau of Reclamation's Navajo Indian Irrigation Project office in Farmington experienced a reduction in force

of approximately 30 persons, one third of their total work force. Plateau Incorporated plans to build, beginning late this year, two 50,000 barrel storage tanks at its oil refinery near Bloomfield. Air Midwest plans to begin in late October daily passenger air service between Farmington and Albuquerque. Sunbelt Mining Company, a subsidiary of Public Service Company of New Mexico, submitted an application for a new surface coal mine south of Farmington. The new facility, named Gateway Mine, is planned for an area near the Company's existing Denazin coal mine. The State is expected to conduct a hearing on the proposed mine sometime late this year or early 1982. The 600,000 square foot Animas Valley Mall now under construction in Farmington is expected to be completed by the fall of 1982. Locating in the Mall will be large department stores operated by Sears, Beall Brothers, Dillards, La Belles, and J.C. Penney. Preliminary work is underway by M. M. Sundt on a $8.5 million support service complex at the San Juan Generating Station. The project should be completed in early 1982. Work is expected to begin later this year on a $2.8 million medical arts and professional center in Farmington. Berry Industries of Long Beach, California has located a plant in Farmington manufacturing oil field production equipment. The new firm is presently employing 34 persons in the 17,200 square foot plant.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - An environmental impact statement is being prepared for the Tennessee Valley Authority - Kerr McGee uranium mining project proposed for eastern Mckinley County. The new mining project, if built, would employ approximately 280 people. A federal grant of $488,000 was awarded to the Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center for a group home for handicapped citizens. The State Mining Division issued a mining permit to Santa Fe Coal Corporation for their proposed Lee Ranch Coal Mine. The mine, which will employ about 300 persons, will be located near San Mateo. Construction is expected to begin on the mine sometime next year with production beginning in late 1983. Construction of the Plains Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative plant in Prewitt is now about one-third complete. The plant is scheduled to be finished by December 1983 and about 120 persons should be employed full - time at the facility. The City of Grants was given the go ahead from the Environmental Protection Agency to begin planning a new wastewater treatment plant expected to cost between $7 and $14 million, depending on design needs.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work began on a new $1.5 million office in Hobbs for First Interstate Bank of Lea County. Completion of the project is set for March of next year. A non-profit organization, New Mexico College Assistance Corporation, has applied for $3.5 million in government loan money to build a 110 to 130 unit housing complex intended for students at New Mexico Junior College. Del Norte Heights Incorporated plans to build a $1.3 million office building in Hobbs which will be occupied by ARCO Oil and Gas Company. W. A. Jourdan Incorporated was awarded a $1.4 million contract to expand and renovate Hobbs City Hall. Conoco Incorporated moved into their new $1.4 million division building in Hobbs and is employing approximately 140 employees out of the new headquarters.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, is locating a new manufacturing plant in Las Cruces which could employ approximately 60 persons by the end of 1982. The firm has leased a 16,000 square foot building in Mesilla Park and will product a pressure sensitive membrane used in computer terminal keyboards. White Sands Missile Range recently laid off 34 civilian workers in order to comply with its allotted staffing strength. Las Cruces building permit issuances continue to be considerately off the pace shown in 1980. Year-to-date figures through September show a decline of about 100 permits and more than $10 million in valuation compared to the same period in 1980. Sunland Park began its 84-day horse racing season on October 17th.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Western States Construction Company of Albuquerque was awarded a $400,000 contract for gas line replacement in Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - A $700,000 improvement project is planned for next spring at the Los Alamos Airport. Work began on a $550,000, two story building which represents the final

phase of the Mari-Mac Village complex in Los Alamos. A $427,000 contract was awarded to Southwest Fire Protection Incorporated of Albuquerque for fire protection work at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Brown - Olds Corporation of El Paso was awarded a $4.6 million contract for upgrading of the industrial waste treatment plant in Los Alamos. The Los Alamos National Laboratory has imposed a freeze on hiring of external job applicants due to uncertainty about federal budget cuts.

RATON AREA - Amoco Production Company will slow down their carbon dioxide drilling program in the Bravo Dome area. Previously it was anticipated that Amoco's drilling program would be completed in 1985; now a 1987 completion is planned. Amoco has currently spent about $130 million drilling 264 wells on the Bravo Dome project. The Village of Maxwell has received $313,000 in federal grants and loans to build a new water system for the town. La Mesa Park ended its 1981 horse racing season in October with a total season handle of $12,379,733, up by 5 percent over 1980.

ROSWELL AREA - Nelson International, a Texas based auction firm, has been commissioned to seek a buyer for the former Glover Packing Company plant in Roswell. The 150,000 square foot Glover facility employed approximately 500 persons before the firm closed earlier this year.

SANTA FE AREA - A $3 million low income housing development planned for Santa Fe has been funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A Texas firm, Pelto Oil Company, is drilling five exploratory oil wells in the Galisteo area.

SILVER CITY AREA - Quintana Minerals' new open pit copper mine near Hillsboro in Sierra County should be open in December according to company officials. The Copper Flat project should employ about 200 workers producing copper concentrate at the mine's 15,000 ton per day mill. The new mine has an expected life of 15 years.

TAOS AREA - Moly Corp temporarily shut down the mill at their Questa molybdenum mine to accomodate the massive expansion project underway at the facility. No layoffs resulted from the closure due to transfers to other work crews. Taos Ski Valley has begun hiring seasonal workers in preparation for the winter ski season.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Work has begun on a expansion of Citizens State Bank's Tucumcari facility. Childress and Associates opened their fabricated textile manufacturing plant in Tucumcari with approximately 20 employees. The firm hopes to have 70 persons employed within one year.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

September 1981 CPI-U - 279.3

(Base 1967=100)

CPI-W - 279.1

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W- Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY SEPT 1981 1/				REVISED AUGUST 1981 1/				REVISED SEPT 1980 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	565,157	527,312	37,845	6.7	561,916	523,021	38,795	6.9	546,585	505,936	40,649	7.4
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	210,337	195,411	14,926	7.1	208,831	193,843	14,988	7.2	202,509	185,694	16,815	8.3
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	33,627	31,316	2,311	6.9	33,128	30,661	2,467	7.4	33,079	30,295	2,784	8.4
Catron	1,160	1,052	108	9.3	1,080	1,016	64	5.9	1,149	1,083	66	5.7
Chaves	21,605	20,387	1,218	5.6	21,405	20,156	1,249	5.8	21,340	20,142	1,198	5.6
Colfax	6,356	6,071	285	4.5	7,097	6,800	297	4.2	6,294	5,948	346	5.5
Curry	14,406	13,606	800	5.6	14,230	13,422	808	5.7	14,557	13,701	856	5.9
De Baca	1,099	1,079	20	1.8	1,065	1,049	16	1.5	1,116	1,094	22	2.0
Eddy	22,130	21,144	986	4.5	22,016	21,108	908	4.1	20,458	19,526	932	4.6
Grant	11,032	10,375	657	6.0	10,861	10,142	719	6.6	9,547	8,818	729	7.6
Guadalupe	1,597	1,461	136	8.5	1,629	1,488	141	8.7	1,691	1,513	178	10.5
Harding	641	627	14	2.2	622	606	16	2.6	604	576	28	4.6
Hidalgo	2,382	2,273	109	4.6	2,306	2,237	69	3.0	2,322	2,223	99	4.3
Lea	30,405	29,651	754	2.5	30,576	29,635	941	3.1	28,165	27,327	838	3.0
Lincoln	6,456	6,284	172	2.7	7,262	7,118	144	2.0	6,467	6,183	284	4.4
Los Alamos	10,404	10,210	194	1.9	10,499	10,253	246	2.3	10,038	9,710	328	3.3
Luna	5,366	5,020	346	6.4	5,333	4,873	460	8.6	5,471	4,945	526	9.6
McKinley	18,762	16,992	1,770	9.4	18,806	16,923	1,883	10.0	18,306	16,699	1,607	8.8
Mora	1,068	830	238	22.3	1,012	721	291	28.8	1,092	835	257	23.5
Otero	13,203	12,212	991	7.5	13,296	12,368	928	7.0	13,107	12,256	851	6.5
Quay	4,979	4,741	238	4.8	4,817	4,605	212	4.4	5,348	5,091	257	4.8
Rio Arriba	10,474	8,840	1,634	15.6	10,369	8,760	1,609	15.5	10,278	8,597	1,681	16.4
Roosevelt	7,629	7,459	170	2.2	6,786	6,602	184	2.7	7,774	7,542	232	3.0
San Juan	38,202	35,313	2,889	7.6	37,521	34,422	3,099	8.3	35,733	33,234	2,499	7.0
San Miguel	8,263	7,550	713	8.6	7,739	6,954	785	10.1	8,015	7,188	827	10.3
Santa Fe	35,809	33,823	1,986	5.5	37,352	35,325	2,027	5.4	35,361	33,073	2,288	6.5
Sierra	3,156	3,026	130	4.1	3,022	2,871	151	5.0	2,736	2,657	79	2.9
Socorro	4,405	4,078	327	7.4	4,202	3,842	360	8.6	4,260	3,995	265	6.2
Taos	9,739	8,659	1,080	11.1	9,409	8,276	1,133	12.0	8,677	7,545	1,132	13.0
Torrance	2,191	2,127	64	2.9	2,191	2,122	69	3.1	2,179	2,043	136	6.2
Union	2,316	2,246	70	3.0	2,254	2,187	67	3.0	2,101	2,009	92	4.4
Valencia, Cibola	25,958	23,449	2,509	9.7	25,100	22,636	2,464	9.8	26,811	24,394	2,417	9.0

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3/ Dona Ana County